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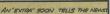












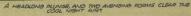






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VOU WIN! I AM DIXIE THIS HAS GONE MASON! I'VE BEEN HIDING FAR ENDUGH, FROM NEWSFADER MEN, CROSBY! TO GODER BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE YOU TO LEAVE THE COUND ME OU!! HOWER, I CAN'T HAVE MY GUESTS INSUITED ANY MORE!



I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT WITH-OUT TELLING EVERYONE WHO THE MURDERER IS, MR. CARLIN. YOU KNOW WHO IT IS, DON'T YOU?



THE MURDERER IS? YOU HAVE ALL THE CLUSS BEFORE YOU. BEFORE YOU LOOK AT THE NEXT PAGE - WHO KILLED MISS CARLIN AND THE TAX! DRIVER?





This mutder had several oce Features. There were four. Shots fired, I heard only Wo. That Meant the Taxi Driver and MRS. Carlin were killed before Those Gun shots were fired!



CARLIN OWNED BOTH THE MURDER WEAPONS! THAT ELIMINATES THE THEORY THAT THE TAY! DRIVER BROUGHT HIS OWN GUN WITH HIM TO MURDER MRS. CARLIN. LOGICALLY, HE WOULD MANENO GUN UNLESS THE KILLER THRUST IT INTO HIS DEAD HAND



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MISS DWIGHT ADDRESSING TWO OR MORE
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### Good Books For Christmas reviewed by JOSETTE FRANK, staff advisor Children's Book Committee

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By Maristan Chapman.

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HE man was about three hundred feet ahead, wobbling crazily along the sidewalk. In the lights from the police car patrolling the area, his shadow was cast, long and grotesque and lurching. Usually, at so early an hour of the morning, this particular section of Factorytown was quiet.

Thus, when Officer Donald, riding with his mate, MacClosky, said: "Bet that drunk catches it when he gets home," there was nothing to indicate he was wrong. Not until a moment

later.

MacClosky, a smart cop, noticed that the man bumped against a wall. He seemed to sag there, and that was unusual because no intoxicated person wants to stay against a wall. They all think they can walk straight, and then when they find they can't, it's usually the street into which they fall.

"Pull up, Donald," Mac said. "Let's get a look at this guy!" He reached into the dashboard compartment for a flashlight.

Grumbling, Donald did as directed. "These drunks can take care of themselves," he said, "All we'll get from him is abuse."

The man had sagged to the street, his back against the wall, when Mac framed him in the flashlight, playing it first on the man's face. The flash moved down and Mac cried out: "Donald, come here!"

Donald piled out. His startled eves looked at the blood pouring from the man's shirt, "We'd better get this guy into the hos-

"No!" Mac's hands was probing beneath the man's coat, "We can't move him. Use the two way radio and call for an ambulance. The precinct will send it right out."

Donald scrambled away just as a moan came from the injured man, whose eyes opened.

"It's all right," Mac said. "We're officers. We're here to help you. What happened?" He leaned over to catch the hoarse, struggling words:

"A-a-man's been murder-"Murdered? Where?"

eyes looked into the white face. The man's hand touched Mac's badge, "Come closer," he said, Mac's ear was almost at the

man's lips. "In a factory back there," he

heard, "That's where it took place," The man's voice broke. Mac moved.

"No-no-" the man said. "Wait. I'm trying to tell you. It's a place that makes precision parts for anti-aircraft guns. They got a new invention, a range-finder that makes it almost impossible for an enemy plane to get away. A guy who does business with a foreign country heard about this new thing, and he knew he'd get plenty of dough if he could steal the plans."

He paused for breath, Mac's hand felt the man's heart beating faintly. Donald came up and said: "They're sending an ambulance. What's up?"

"Sssh," Mac cautioned, "He's

trying to tell us." "Yeah." said the man, "This

fellow I'm telling you about, he could use that dough. And he always figured he was a pretty clever guy. Before he went wrong, he was a good machinist. So he managed to get a job in the factory, to sort of look around. He found out that the range finder was even better than he heard. But they guarded those plans as though they were the White House. They were kept in a safe it would take a dose of nitro-glycerine to open. The only thing was getting at that safe."

The man's breath came in short gasps, but, with an effort, he continued his story. "Then this fellow-did I tell you his name was Joe Veck-got a lucky break. He got a room in the same boarding house as the night watchman, a Norwegian named Olaf Rosseland

"It took a couple of weeks, because the watchman usually slept days, but on Sunday he was up early. So this guy, Joe Veck, strikes up a friendship with him and learns that Olaf is pretty worried about a brother of his, who lives in Oslo. The brother was active in politics and when Quisling pulled his doublecross, this Rosseland in Norway disappears.

"Right away, Joe Veck saw this as a swell break. Veck had some good connections with fifth columnists and they got plenty excited when he told them what he planned to do. They went to work right away and within two weeks, Olaf the watchman got a letter from the authorities in Oslo. Veck was there when he received it, even though he knew what would be in it.

"Olaf's face went white as he read it. Veck, pretending concern, asked what was wrong. Olaf handed him the letter. It said that unless he co-operated with a certain person, Olaf's brother would be put into a

concentration camp.

"Poor Olaf! He didn't know what to do. There was no one he could turn to but Veck, who advised that Olaf do what he was told. 'But how can I do that?' Olaf asked. 'They don't say what they want'

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"That was Veck's cue. Pretending to be surprised, he said: 'Olaf, I'll bet they're after those plans for the range finder. After all, you're the night watchman and they're kept in the safe.'

"Olaf's body trembled. 'No!' he said, his face white, 'I could not do that. It would be working with the enemy"

"'But your brother,' the crafty Veck reminded him. 'They'll

probably kill him.'

"Olaf recoiled as if struck. Then, without a word, he turned and left Veck smiled to himself. He knew how to break down the watchman Olaf, he figured, was too worried to notify the authorities.

"It took three notes, slipped under Olaf's door to bring the watchman to his knees. Each time he received one, he brought it to Veck and with trembling hands seemed to be trying to hold onto himself. He got so he couldn't sleep days. He would go out into the park and stare vacantly into space.

"And then, one morning, Veck saw the final blow arrive, It was Sunday and Olaf, after church, was sitting on the boarding house porch. A special delivery carrier came up, bringing a letter from Norway. White faced and trembling, Olaf opened it and, as he read its contents, his body slumped in the chair. A few minutes later, without speaking to Veck, he went upstairs.

"Veck smiled to himself. 'The pressure's being put on,' he said to himself. He went upstairs to find Olaf.

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"The watchman was sitting on the bed. Veck, acting solicitious, tried to help him. Olal stared at Veck and said dully: I will be waiting for the man. I have made up my mind."

"Veck smiled to himself. Aloud he said: That's the way to talk, Olaf! You should have, done it long ago. You can fix it so that you'll be knocked out. Now all you got to do is wait for the man to show up."

"Olaf nodded dumbly. 'I will

wait,' he said.

"Veck waited until Tuesday night before he showed up at the plant. He muffled his face in a topcoat and, with hat pulled down over his eyes, rang, for Olaf, pretending to be a stranger. Veck carried, in a small bag, the nitro-glycerine to blast the safe.

"It wasn't till Olaf had taken Veck into the private office that he recognized him. For a moment, Olaf was speechless, then he muttered: "You—if was you all the time!" His white lips curled in disgust. 'And you call yourself an American,' he said.

"Veck laughed. He had nothing to fear. If any harm came

to him, the organization had instructions to take care of Olaf's brother, he told the white faced watchman. 'So come on, Olaf,' he said. 'I'll hit you on the head, just to make it look good!'

"He started toward Olaf, then stared in horror. The old watchman had pulled his gun from its holster. Put that gun away, Olaf! Veck cried, thinking Olaf had gone mad. 'Remember what will happen to your brother!'

"Olaf's eyes were cold as his voice. I know what happened to him," he said. That letter I got Sunday was from a friend in Norway. My brother died fighting for his principles! He was killed by your dirty gang, and now you'll die for it!
"Veck was panie stricken.

'No!' he cried. 'You can't do it, Olaf. It's murder!' Screaming, he cried, 'It's murder, do you

hear mel'

"For a second Olaf's glance wavered. There was a ledge on a desk. Veck threw it, just as the gun went off. He saw Olaf go down, stunned. But he knew the bullet hadn't missed. He managed to stumble out of the factory office and ...and ..."

The man's voice wavered, grew fainter.

Mac, feeling his heart, said, "Wait—wait—tell us, who was murdered?" his flashlight played into the pain-filled voice of the man.

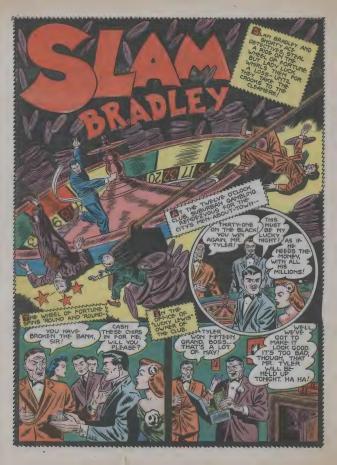
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